

Friday, September 12, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1172–1174. Page S9252

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David L. Aaron, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Betty Eileen King, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

Mark Reid Tucker, of North Carolina, to be the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, for the term of four years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Public Health Service.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 1:24 p.m., until 12 noon, Monday, September 15, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9301.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met to discuss the history of Presidential nominees not receiving confirmation hearings.

Committee recessed subject to call.

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 981, to provide for the analysis of major regulatory rules by Federal agencies, receiving testimony from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; James L. Martin, National Governors' Association, C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, former Counsel to the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief, David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Paul R. Portney, Resources for the Future, and David C. Vladeck, Public Citizen Litigation Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Sal Risalvato, Riverdale Texaco, Morris County, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Thomas F. Walton, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of Alliance USA; Ernest Gellhorn, George Mason University School of Law, Fairfax, Virginia; and John D. Graham, Center for Risk Analysis/Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

RELIGIOUS WORKERS IMMIGRATION VISAS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings on proposals to permanently extend the expiring provisions of current immigration law which provides special immigrant visas for religious workers sponsored by religious organizations in the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida, Detroit, Michigan; Peter Borgdorff,

Christian Reformed Church in North America, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and David Grunblatt, Agudath Israel of America, and Ralston H.

Deffenbaugh, Jr., Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, both of New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, September 15.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE SURPLUS PROPERTY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on Defense Surplus Equipment and the Activities of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Michigan; David Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Bob Lieberman, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Jeff Jones, Principal Executive Director, Materiel Management, Defense Logistics Agency; and Col. Robert Mansfield, USAF, Commander, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 15 through 20, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will continue consideration H.R. 2107, Interior Appropriations, 1998.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on a substitute amendment to S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act, and resume consideration of H.R. 2107, Interior Appropriations, 1998.

During the week, Senate may also consider S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998, conference reports, when available, and consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, September 16, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 18, to resume hearings to examine the implications for farmers of the recently proposed tobacco settlement, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: September 16, to hold hearings on the nominations of General Michael E. Ryan, USAF, to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Command, and Lt. Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command and for appointment to the grade of general, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 16, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine the widespread growth of fraud using financial institutions, focusing on national security implications and organized crime involvement, and the types of counterfeit financial instruments being circulated, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 16, to hold hearings to examine tobacco advertising and its impact on youth, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 17, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on S. 1115, to improve one-call notification process, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the transition to digital television, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 17, to hold hearings on S. 1158, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, and S. 1159, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation public interest land exchange, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary, Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary for Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy, Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation, and John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, all of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 17, to hold hearings on S. 1173, to authorize funds for